



Asbestos Waste

Re-use not permitted. Must be disposed of at licensed facility

Definition

Asbestos waste means any waste that contains asbestos.

There are two types of asbestos:

- **Bonded asbestos:** means any material (other than friable asbestos material) that contains asbestos (for example, fibro, asbestos cement sheeting, asbestos pipes)
- **Friable asbestos:** means any material that contains asbestos and is in the form of a powder or can be crumbled, pulverised or reduced to powder by hand pressure when dry.

Waste classification

Special waste.

Do I need an Environment Protection Licence?

An Environment Protection Licence is required if more than five tonnes of asbestos waste is stored on a premises at any time.

Is asbestos waste covered by a resource recovery exemption?

No.

Do I need to take samples and perform any tests for contaminants?

Yes. Samples should be collected and analysed for the presence of asbestos if you are in any doubt as to whether the waste contains asbestos.

Work Health and Safety precautions should be taken when sampling and handling the waste.

What type of waste facility can I take the material to?

Asbestos waste (including asbestos contaminated soil) must be taken to a landfill licensed to accept asbestos waste. Prior to transporting asbestos waste to a licensed landfill, you should check with the landfill operator regarding any delivery requirements.

Asbestos waste is not to be transported and deposited on any private or public land (for example, as fill material).

Are there any legal waste transporter or waste tracking requirements?

Yes. All asbestos waste must be transported in a covered, leak proof vehicle.

A waste transporters licence is required if asbestos waste is transported interstate but not within NSW.

You must keep records of:

- Amount and the type of waste generated, stored, treated or disposed of
- Amount and the type of waste transported
- Name of the transporter and transporter's vehicle registration number
- Date of transportation
- Name and location of the waste facility or site that receives the waste.

What other legal environmental requirements are there for asbestos?

The EPA requires that:

- Asbestos waste must be stored on the premises in an environmentally safe manner
- Bonded asbestos material must be securely packaged at all times
- Friable asbestos material must be kept in a sealed container
- Asbestos-contaminated soils must be wetted down
- All asbestos waste must be transported in a covered, leak-proof vehicle
- Asbestos waste must be disposed of at a landfill site that can lawfully receive this waste
- It is illegal to dispose of asbestos waste in domestic garbage bins.

Are there any re-use opportunities?

No. It is illegal to re-use, recycle or illegally dump asbestos products or asbestos waste.

Further information

If you require further advice on Roads and Maritime Services waste issues, please contact your regional environment staff or the Senior Environmental Specialist (Sustainability) in the Environment Branch on 02 8843 3055.